

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/707,357
Docket No.: 11595-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

It is noted with great appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowance of Claims 1-17 if Claims 1 and 13 were amended/rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants amended Claims 1 and 13. It is believed that no new matter adds by way of amendments made to claims or otherwise to the application. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit Claims 1-17 patentably define over prior art of record and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Examiner's indication of allowance of Claims 23-25 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is also noted with great appreciation. Accordingly, Applicants incorporated the allowable subject of Claim 23 into the proposed independent Claim 18 and canceled Claim 23, and amended Claims 24-25 to depend from the proposed independent Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that for at least the foregoing reasons Claims 18-22 and 24-25 patentably define over prior art of record and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Applicants have also amended the specification to correct some minor typographical errors in order to overcome the Examiner's objections. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1-22 and 24-25 patently define over the prior art of record. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

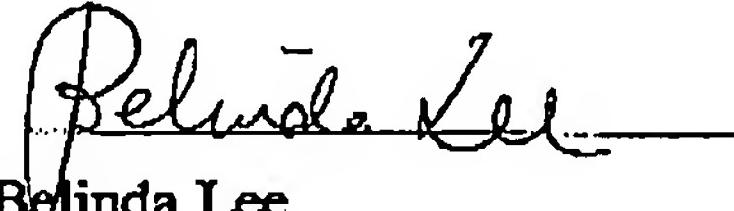
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-22 and 24-25 of the present application patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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